

**MRS. WALTER LAWSON
BURNED TO DEATH**

Gets Fire to Self After Pouring Coal Oil From Lamp On Clothing. Mind Deranged

Mrs. Walter Lawson, of Pleasant Ridge, died Friday, from the effect of burns received Tuesday. Mrs. Lawson was suffering from nervous breakdown and on Tuesday she took a lamp poured the kerosene from it on her clothing and set it on fire with a match. Her clothing was burned from her body from the waist up, and her hair was burned. Her sixteen year old daughter was severely burned while trying to extinguish her mother's clothing.

Mrs. Lawson's mind became deranged last spring from worry over the death of a daughter three years ago, and the illness of another child who had contracted typhoid fever in the spring. She was taken to the State Hospital for nervous diseases at Nevada, but she begged so hard to be taken home, that they let her leave. She had been at home two months when she committed the deed that ended her life. She had several times before attempted to take her life in other ways and her family kept her closely guarded, but she eluded them on last Tuesday and accomplished her purpose.

Mrs. Lawson was about forty-two years old. She is survived by her husband and five or six children, the oldest of whom is seventeen and the youngest three years old.

Funeral services were held at Clay Hill at noon Saturday, January 28. She was a member of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist church. She was a cousin of W. L. Bolton, of Monett.

**FRUIT NOT INJURED,
LOCAL GROWERS SAY**

Fruit in southwest Missouri has not been injured by the sudden changes in temperature encountered in the last month, it is the opinion of fruit growers here. It is still too early in the season for the sap to be making its way upward, and the buds are now too dry to be affected by the cold snaps.

Continued warm weather late in February, when the sap begins to climb is feared most by experienced fruit growers, as they know that a light frost of the March variety is likely to kill the young buds. The warm weather hastens the sap in its upward climb, while cold weather in February and the first of March, merely retards it and serves as a protection.

MT. OLIVE NEWS

Uncle Dave Cagle is still very ill. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Harris Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Burnett visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Badger.

A number of relatives of Earl Foster gathered at his home last Sunday to help him celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Morris and family visited Sunday with the latter's brother George Morris and family of Dry Valley.

Miss Thelma Hillhouse was the week end guest of her cousin Mabelle Russell.

B. Y. P. U. was well attended last Sunday night and a good time was enjoyed by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Messly and son visited Sunday night at the home of E. R. Russell.

Miss Irene Pruitt visited Sunday with Mabelle Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ferrell and baby spent Saturday night with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Russell.

J. E. Haggard and Earl Foster attended the funeral of Mr. Winton at Monett Tuesday. Mr. Winton was a good man and numbered his friends by his acquaintances. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a host of friends.

**HOUSE PASSES DYER BILL
TO END ALL MOBS**

Washington, Jan. 26.—The house today declared itself in favor of the federal government exercising its authority in an effort to stamp out lynching, passing by a vote of 230 to 119 the Dyer anti-lynching bill.

Seventeen Republicans joined 102 Democrats in voting opposition, while eight Democrats and one Socialist voted with the 221 Republicans in favor of the measure.

**CITY QUARTERLY
STATEMENT PRINTED**

The quarterly financial statement of the city of Monett has just been printed at the Times office. Citizens may get them at the city hall.

**NEW MANAGER FOR
FARMERS EXCHANGE**

D. L. Lautaret has been elected manager of the Farmer's Exchange and entered upon his duties a week ago.

Dr. Miller reports the birth of a boy Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Long, also a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arch Thomas.

**BIDE-A-WEE STOCK FARM
HAS ACCREDITED HERD**

We have just received the register of merit tests from the college, made by Mr. Bradbury on the test cows at Bide-a-Wee for the month of January 1922. The tests are as follows: Jolly Boys Pet, 6.239 per cent fat; Pride You'll Do, 5.213 per cent fat; Pride You'll Do's Jessie, 5.733 per cent fat; Jap's Gussie of Bide-a-Wee, 6.778 per cent fat; Odell's Pearl, 6.114 per cent fat; Marigolds Mary Jane, 6.572 per cent fat; Marigolds Lady Princess, 5.183 per cent fat; Princess Marigold Pops, 5.388 per cent fat; Jap's Oxford Jennie, 6.124 per cent fat; Jap's Ada of Bide-a-Wee, 5.982 per cent fat. These tests make an average of 5.8-10 per cent fat for the cows on test.

The cow Marigolds Mary Jane finished her year's test on the 21st of January 1922, making 357 pounds of fat for the year, and she was 2 years and 260 days old when she began her test.

The State tester Dr. J. H. Wells was at Bide-a-Wee this week and gave the herd their second annual test. Dr. Wells tested thirty-seven head for Campbells this year and found them all clean and healthy and free from tuberculosis.

This puts the herd of W. W. Campbell & Son in the accredited herd list, meaning that the herd has been tested two consecutive years without a reaction.

W. W. Campbell & Son.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PARTY

About thirty members of the Mt. Vernon Epworth League were entertained as the guests of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church of Monett, Friday evening. About seventy-four members of the Monett League attended, making in all about one hundred and fifteen young people present. After an evening spent in playing games, popping corn and pulling taffy, a delicious lunch of sandwiches, pickles, wafers, hot chocolate and coffee was served. The reception closed by singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Chaperones at the party were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gulick, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Britian and Dr. J. D. Shaddrick.

Those attending the party from Mt. Vernon were Misses Pauline Jennings, Marie King, Gertrude Jennings, Earline Barnes, Olive Ragain, Gladys Morgan, Virginia Percison, Ted Koewing, Mary Sherat, Grace Bruton, Lelia Owen, Verneeta Grace-John; Messrs. Ira Barnes, Carl Lyons, Cecil Moore, Raymond Gardner, William Jennings, Johnny Koewing, Clarence Welch, Jimmie Gooding, Dutch Carl, Loyd Turk, Harry Pierce, Foddy Case, Percy Pierce, Ted Bruton, Fred Vernett, Ray Barnes, Barney Pierce.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY

The Phi Epsilon class of the Presbyterian church, met Friday evening at the home of Miss Winniver Stone, 426 Wishart street. A short business meeting was held, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to music and rook. A delicious lunch was served to the following guests, who are members of the class and their friends: Misses Jessie Bridwell, Thelma Denno, Kathleen Dobson, Cora Fitzjohn, Elizabeth Johnson, Elizabeth Bradford, Gladys Masoner, Alma Russell, Mary Wright, Ethel Wilhelm, Ruth Sater, Dot Harvey, Millicent Lewis, Lucille Hobbs, Katherine Lewis Mrs. L. H. Ferguson teacher of the class.

MT. JOY

The greatest revival meeting held in several years has just closed at this place.

Rev. Dr. Henderson filled Rev. Ennis' appointment Sunday.

Dave Courdin and wife visited George Boedeckers family Sunday.

Ether Lasley visited Mrs. Rehwinke Thursday night.

Violet Lasley was visiting home folks the latter part of the week.

C. B. Campbell, J. F. Chastain, and N. Skaggs attended the grape meeting at Purdy Tuesday.

Vernon Lowery missed two of his buggy tires the other night.

Prayer meeting every Sunday night at Mt. Joy.

HOSTESS TO ELITE CLUB

Mrs. George Rice was a charming hostess to the Elite Club on Thursday evening. It was the first social meeting of the Club in two years. During the evening a delicious two course lunch was served to the following Club members: Mrs. Josh Coy, Mrs. Frank E. Jones, Mrs. John Farrow, Mrs. Wm. E. Gray, Mrs. Richard Mills, Miss Helen Lehnard and the hostess. The Club will be entertained in two weeks by Mrs. Josh Coy.

W. R. ISBELL'S FATHER DIES

W. R. Isbell's father died at Miller Sunday morning, from injuries sustained from a fall. The funeral was held Monday afternoon. The Isbell grocery at this place is closed today.

**FUNERAL SERVICES FOR
LLOYD C. RUGGLES**

Funeral services for Lloyd C. Ruggles, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruggles, were held at the Baptist church Friday afternoon.

As the young man was an ex-service man, he was given a military burial by the local American Legion Post. The procession from the home to the church was led by Lee's Concert Band. Following them were the color bearers and firing squad, besides many other ex-service men all in full uniform.

Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of the Baptist church, read the scripture, from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and led in prayer. Rev. W. A. Todd, of Tulsa, Okla., former pastor and friend of the deceased and his family, preached the funeral sermon, his subject being "The Great Objective." His text was "And God hath prepared a city," also "In my Father's house are many mansions." His sermon was a beautiful tribute to the American Soldier in general and to the model life of the young soldier who had just died.

A choir composed of Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mrs. Fred Williams, Miss Eula Kennedy, Percy Johnson and D. B. Meador, sang, with Mrs. E. W. Runsey as accompanist. Mrs. A. Jones sang with much expression, "No Night There." Other songs sung by the choir were "Abide with Me," "Sometime We'll Understand," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

At the cemetery the American Legion gave their beautiful and impressive burial service, Edgar Price, post commander and Vance Davis, adjutant, in charge.

The ex-service men were all in full uniform. Those taking part in the procession were as follows: Pall bearers—Leonard Gabriel, Viga Hall, Floyd Fawver, Louis Maritan, Jesse Alderson and Grant Z. Utter; firing squad—Warren Perry, Emmet O'Dwyer, Arno Fritz, George Warner, John McCormick, Franklin Combs, Earl McCormick and Wm. E. Myers; colors—John Beasley and Gilbert Thompson; color guard—W. E. Cochran and Mr. Heinerman.

Young women who were members of Mr. Ruggles' graduation class at Monett high school, wearing Red Cross head dress, acted as flower bearers. They were Mrs. Dick Mills, Mrs. George Rice, Mrs. Wm. E. Gray, Mrs. J. D. Taylor, Mrs. E. Mitchell and Miss Fern Loutzenhiser.

The Baptist church was crowded with sorrowing friends to pay the last tribute to the young man so highly honored in the community.

MOTHER OF J. J. GERBERG DEAD

Mrs. Ursula Gerberg, of Wentworth mother of J. J. Gerberg, of Monett, Frisco engineer, died at 2:30 o'clock Friday morning, January 27, age 84 years, 7 months and 3 days. The deceased had been blind for the past five years, and had been seriously ill for the past two weeks. Her death was caused from the infirmities of old age.

Five children survive, namely: J. J. Gerberg, of Monett; George A. Gerberg, of Wentworth; Mrs. Lula Beck of California, and Miss Henrietta Gerberg, of Wentworth.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning from the German Catholic church at Peirce City.

BUILDING NEW BUNGALOWS

M. E. Gillioz is building four bungalows on Marshall Hill for rental purposes. Three of the houses contain four rooms and one five rooms. Material from the old Masonic hall is being used in their construction. As this was of the best quality and in good condition these houses are quite desirable.

EDENS—HUFFMASTER

The marriage of Miss Zenver Edens and Mr. James Huffmaster, prominent young people residing south of Monett, took place Sunday afternoon, January 22.

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**VATICAN IS BEING MADE READY
FOR ELECTION OF POPE**

Rome, Jan. 27.—Mass was celebrated today near the tomb of Benedict XV in St. Peter's, by Monsignor Sanz De Samper, major domo of the vatican. A requiem mass also was sung on the high altar in the church. Two more requiem masses will be celebrated on the high altar, and after that requiem mass will be sung in the Sistine chapel, until the nine Novendial masses are completed on February 1.

St. Peter's square resumed its normal aspect. Inside the vatican preparations were under way for the gathering of the cardinals who will choose the successor of Benedict. Prince Ludovico assumes duties as marshal of the conclave.

This conclave's marshal is head of one of the oldest families of the Roman aristocracy. Upon taking charge today of the innumerable details connected with the conclave, he occupied offices just at the head of the first flight of the Scala regia before it opens into the court yard at St. Damaso. It is the suite of officers occupied by Benedict's major domo who vacated the offices this morning.

During these days of interregnum, there is less splendor within the vatican walls than usual. All officers of the pontifical household, have now returned to their ordinary duties. There are no flowing robes of purple crossing the courtyard, no arrivals of diplomats for audiences.

All the beds for the personnel of the conclave have been transported into the vatican. One hundred and sixty of them came from the Santa Marta hospital while the remainder were brought from the propagation faith college in Albano and from the huge propaganda palace in the Piazza Di Spagna.

The living of the cardinals during the conclave period will be of the simplest and most frugal. They will only be allowed one dish of meat and vegetables with half a pint of wine daily.

FIRE AT L. A. MANLEY HOME

Fire originating in a clothes closet between two bed rooms in the home of L. A. Manley, 912 Third street, was discovered at 9:15 o'clock Saturday morning, by Mrs. Manley, who had spent the night with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Aulgar, next door, and who started across the street to visit a neighbor. The fire department was called and made a quick run, but the fire had gained such head-way that the furniture in the front bed-room was completely destroyed and the clothing in the closet were burned. There had been no fire in the stoves since Friday, and it is thought that a defective wire in the closet caused the fire.

**B. Y. P. U. ENTERTAINMENT
IS BIG SUCCESS**

The entertainment given by the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church, Friday evening at the High school auditorium, was a big success, and the attendance was excellent. The program was greatly enjoyed by all and was of an unusually high grade when considered from the standpoint of literary merit. Every number was well rendered and the selections were fine.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. wish to express their thanks to the High school for the use of the building, to Miss Eula Kennedy for her untiring efforts in getting up the program, and to each person who took part in the program.

Reporter.

HOSTESS AT 500 PARTY

Mrs. T. E. Austin, 305 Fourth street entertained with a 500 party at her home Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Bert Bradford received the prize for making high score. A one plate lunch was served to the following guests: Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Mrs. Bert Bradford, Mrs. E. Adams, Mrs. H. A. Cochran, Mrs. Carl Counts, Mrs. O. W. Blacksher, Mrs. O. E. Davis, Mrs. Kenneth Guiney, Mrs. George Wilhoit, Mrs. Earl Aulgar, Mrs. Joe Tucker, and the hostess.

M. B. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The M. B. A. met on Thursday evening and elected officers as follows: president, Roy Mitchell; secretary, George Johnston and treasurer, Mrs. Ida B. Adams.

Dave Duniphant, Carl Sloan and Miss Belle Bowman spent Sunday with E. P. Henderson at Purdy.

Dr. A. S. Hawkins returned Thursday from Clermont, Florida, where he spent several weeks with Mrs. Hawkins. Mrs. Hawkins, who has been ill, has recovered, and sends best regards to her many friends in Monett. Dr. Hawkins brought home a fine specimen of fruit raised in his own fruit orchard. He brought three grape fruits on one branch, each weighing 5 1-3 pounds. He also told of the fine fishing he enjoyed. One bass he caught weighed 10 pounds.

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF BARRY
COUNTY BANKERS' ASSN.**

The quarterly meeting of the Barry County Bankers' Association was held at Purdy, Thursday night, in the director's room of the First National Bank, and in connection with the meeting the annual election of officers was held. At 7:30 an elaborate banquet was served in the director's room of the bank, prepared by the proprietor of the hotel of that city, and served by the wives and daughters of the bank directors. The program consisted of an address of welcome by Amos Gurley, and response was made by Vance Davis, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Monett. A short time was passed in discussing important business matters in connection with bank accounting. The main topic of the discussion was the recent robbery of the Bank of Exeter. A motion was passed tendering the officers and directors of the bank all possible moral support and assistance of prosecuting the guilty parties. Other business matters were also discharged.

Officers elected were: President, J. F. Black, Cassville; Vice President, Walter Jones, Washburn; Secretary, John Elston, Exeter; Treasurer, Vance Davis, Monett.

The following banks of Barry County were represented at the meeting: First National Bank of Cassville, First National Bank of Monett, Monett State Bank of Monett, Purdy, Exeter, Butterfield, Seligman and Washburn.

Vance Davis, W. W. Lehnard, Leslie Mason, G. W. Finn, F. M. Shriver and V. A. Willey, represented the Monett banks.

An invitation was extended by the Monett delegation for the next meeting to be held in Monett in May, the meeting to be called by the president of the Association.

**BABY DIES FOLLOWING
OPERATION**

John Aubrey, five months and five days old son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Means, 704 Euclid avenue, died at 6:45 o'clock Friday night at St. John's hospital at Joplin, following a critical operation on the throat by Dr. Moody, child specialist of Joplin. The baby had been ill since birth, and after consulting specialists, it was decided that an operation was necessary to save its life. The baby lived only a few hours following the operation.

The body was brought home Friday night, accompanied by the young parents, and Mrs. Mean's mother, Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, and taken to the Armstrong residence, 212 Frisco avenue.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the First Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. C. F. Whitlock presiding at the service. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellow's cemetery.

**A. O. WILLIAMS
CANDIDATE FOR RECORDER**

A. O. Williams, of Monett, has announced his candidacy for the office of county recorder of deeds subject to the wishes of the Republican voters at the primary election.

Mr. Williams has lived in Barry county all his life. He has been engaged at various times in farming, stock raising and buying and in business, and has had a wide and varied experience which will be instrumental in enabling him to conduct the affairs of the office to which he aspires with credit to the county.

He is a life long Republican and asks the support of the Republicans of the county.

A WHISKEY STILL CAPTURED

Parker Potter, assistant prosecuting attorney of this county, scented a 50 gallon moonshine still the other day. This is literally right, for on entering the farm home of a well to do farmer three or four miles northeast of Peirce City the other day he detected the odor of liquor so strongly that he investigated, with the result that he found where the farmer had become alarmed and broken about a dozen quarts of liquor. He had also loaded his still on a sled in the early morning hours and was ready to make his get-away with all the evidence. The still had been kept in a straw stack fixed up so he could operate in it, and it is said he made the stuff and his wife sold it.

Both of them were taken to Mount Vernon and their bond placed at \$3,000 apiece. Each of them made sufficient cash bond for the appearance for trial.

Potter was not in search of anything of the kind, but accompanied a man from Marionville who wanted quick action on some defaulted auto notes. But arriving at this man's home they were told he was at the neighbors, where they went, with the result above detailed.—Aurora Advertiser.

Miss Julia Campbell, a teacher in the public schools at Joplin, passed the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Campbell.

**GEE & SONS TO HOLD
SALE NEAR MARCH 1**

Requests for brood sows and bred gilts are received in such numbers by C. B. Gee & Sons, Mount Vernon that they plan to hold a sale about March 1, Mr. Gee announced yesterday.

In a recent sale, thirty-one Evergreen Farm Durocs brought an average of \$52.50 each, only one selling below \$40. These prices are far below those made in the period of high prices but represent conservative values at this time. The hog market and the hog population in this section of the state is small.—Joplin Globe.

**W. O. PELHAM FOR
COMMISSIONER**

W. O. Pelham, a well known retired Frisco engineer, has announced his candidacy for the office of city commissioner, subject to the primary for the city election.

Mr. Pelham needs no introduction to the people of Monett. He has lived in Monett twenty years, and has always been interested in the progress of the city. He believes that Monett is the best town if its size in the state and if elected he will do all in his power to advance its interests. He is honest and capable and will no doubt run a good race.

STONES PRAIRIE**Birthday Party.**

One of the most enjoyable parties this year was given by Misses Minnie and Elsie Geske Wednesday evening, January 25, in honor of the birthday of their sister, Miss Selma Geske, of Monett. Miss Geske received a number of presents. The evening was delightfully spent with music and other enjoyable entertainment. The music was rendered by Tony Droska, Ed Witt, Edgar Velton and Fred Rupp. Refreshments of sandwiches and cake were served during the evening. Those that were present were Misses Bertha and Lucie Schad, Emma and Elizabeth Hemmerling, Gusta and Bertha Mueller and Bertha Casper; Messrs John and Otto Schad, Fred Rupp, Carl Hemmerling, Edgar Velton, Ed and Albert Witt, Tony Droska, Carl Mueller, Jr., Aleck Schallert, Arthur Schad, and John Casper, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gust Schad, Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig Geske and daughter. They all enjoyed the party until a late hour wishing Miss Selma many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buckholz returned home Monday morning after a three month's visit with relatives in Wisconsin.

Those that visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig Geske and daughter Thursday night were Misses Minnie, Elsie and Selma Geske, Mr. Edgar Velton, and Carl Hemmerling. Cookies and candy were served by Mrs. Geske.

Miss Selma Geske returned to Monett Friday evening.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CIRCLE 1 MEETS**

Circle No. 1 of the Aid society of the Church of Christ met at the home of Mrs. A. M. Trimble Thursday afternoon. There were twenty-five present to answer roll call.

Each member had previously pledged to make a dollar and in rhyme to tell how they made it. Some of the ladies proved to be real composers. Those who were not there certainly missed a treat.

A Member Who was There.

NOTICE

Grinding days will be on Wednesday, after February 1. Frank A. Hemmerling. d77t2wt3

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